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Applicant: Scott A. Shuey et al.

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For: Shielded Blind-Mate Connector

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:

- Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs., *in duplicate*)
- Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.)
- One (1) replacement sheet of formal drawings
- One (1) annotated sheet of drawings
- Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant

claims small entity status.

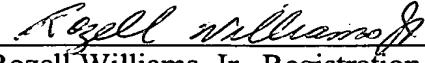
is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$ 1,005.00

Fee: _____ \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
<u> </u> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$_____.
 A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:


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